



Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 18, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

R. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Chairperson R. Keller, Vice Chair B. Seekon, Supervisor L. Johnson, Supervisor C. Cagle, Supervisor T. Nelson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Clerk K. Wood, Treasurer S. Aker, 5 members of the public (signed in).

REVIEW & APPROVE THE AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the agenda. C. Cagle seconded with additions.

C. Cagle:

Added under Roads: Cindy with ReneSola - Good Property Solar

Added under New Business:

New Business: 8. B.1. Resolution 2018-24 Solar Moratorium

New Business: 8. h. Civil Fines

T. Nelson added i. Fire Hall Hail Damage under New Business

All in favor, motion carried.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 21, 2018

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes from August 21, 2018.

R. Keller seconded. All in favor, motion carried. L. Johnson abstained.

REVIEW & APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

B. Seekon made a motion to approve the consent agenda. T. Nelson seconded.

Total Claims list \$91,448.59

Total: \$102,981.24

All in favor, motion carried.



TREASURER COMMENTS

L. Johnson asked why the building fund was in the red. S. Aker said because of the fencing and the parking lot. R. Keller said to take the money out of the money market account. S. Aker asked if there is a certain amount. C. Cagle said she would like it matched to the invoices so at the end of the year she has a statement for a record of improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Zoning

B. Seekon said they had a long discussion regarding solar. Most of it is on the agenda. There is a fencing issue at Rockpoint and there is a resolution this evening regarding it. The Planning Commission agreed that the fence looks the same no matter which side it is installed on.

Roads

T. Nelson said the west side is looking rough. M. Fehrman has been grading. Ivywood Trail should be ready to go. Knife River wanted to start this week and said it was not ready. T. Nelson asked why the Township is doing the prep when Knife River is being paid to do it. T. Nelson said he does not like dealing with them because they are not providing schedules or doing what they say they are going to do.

R. Keller and T. Nelson discussed the crowns and grades of the roads. C. Cagle asked if Todd from Knife River is not showing up to their meetings or if they are not having them. R. Keller said they are not having them.

T. Nelson said it took them three weeks to do six miles of blacktop. T. Nelson said if there are roads that are not done, there is going to be an issue. C. asked what the leverage is. D. Chelberg said it is in next year's award. R. Keller said paving can be done into November. L. Johnson said the Road Boss should sit down with Todd and figure out what is going on.

R. Keller said he agrees with Todd that Ivywood Trail was not ready for blacktop. T. Nelson said 320th and Hemingway are ready. R. Keller said they should have done Ivywood N. T. Nelson said they blacktopped roads prior to this and all of a sudden the prep is not good enough which does not make sense to him. R. Keller said M. Fehrman did not have the roads ready. D. Chelberg said he backs M. Fehrman because he checked the road himself.



B. Seekon said Knife River gave the Township a good price because it was to be a standby project. B. Seekon asked how the numbers looked. T. Nelson said they were not too bad. There was discussion regarding next year's bidding and what will happen if the contract is not fulfilled this year.

C. Cagle said if M. Fehrman is out prepping then his time should be charged to Knife River. R. Keller said no, because the road is at more than 2 percent. Some spots were low and did not have enough gravel on them.

C. Cagle said the Board gave M. Fehrman total control of this project. T. Nelson said R. Keller are still M. Fehrman's boss. T. Nelson stated that there has to be communication. C. Cagle said there has to be a weekly road meeting to eliminate problems. R. Keller stated that he talks to M. Fehrman more than one time per week.

L. Johnson asked why M. Fehrman is doing any of the prep when Knife River is being paid \$68k to do it.

T. Nelson said Knife River wanted roads at 2 percent so M. Fehrman took all of the crowns down. B. Seekon asked if this is in writing. T. Nelson said no. T. Nelson said, "We are arguing about communication and time". R. Keller said that in his opinion M. Fehrman is not doing Knife River's 'work'.

L. Johnson stated there is not enough time left to go out for sealed bids yet this year. Joe or Peter could be asked. R. Keller said the work is not done yet so we need to give Knife River a break. R. Keller said they are willing to work into November and so is he. T. Nelson said November paving is not as good.

R. Keller and T. Nelson are going to do a group call with Todd.

T. Nelson said he keeps getting calls from Chisago City residents about Ivywood Trail. He has told them that Chisago City was contacted and uninterested in doing a road agreement with Lent Township. R. Keller is going to have signs made stating, *Leaving Lent Township* on Ivywood Trail and *Entering Chisago City*.

Iris Ave Cindy with ReneSola - Good Property Solar

Cindy from ReneSola said she will be submitting a solar permit application on Olen Good's property. She knows that Iris is a 9 ton road. They have been working with E. Maass on this project. Originally their proposed site was going to come off of Lent Trail. The current solar project is using Lent Trail and it is causing issues. Xcel Energy is happy



with coming off of Iris Ave. Cindy asked about upgrading the road to a ten ton road. It would be a half mile stretch of road. R. Keller said it would be about \$35k to upgrade the road. She said they reached out to an Engineer who said the road should be okay and the contractor is responsible for damage to the road.

There was discussion regarding setbacks and phase lines, but Cindy said she was attending to discuss the road. R. Keller said he talked with J. Pelawa and he determined that the road should be okay. Cindy mentioned that the decommissioning is high and plans on bringing forward information because it is double market standard. B. Seekon said there is not information on it. There was further discussion regarding solar decommissioning.

Parks

R. Keller said the rubber mat is in.

T. Nelson ordered the shade.

Building

- C. Cagle would like the door in before the open house
- She called the plumbers
- She talked to Peter Tiede and Maintenance can do the work because it is in their contract
- Mr. Leibke is going to give her a quote on office furniture
 - The new office furniture will be half the size and three times the storage
- They got a new industrial vacuum cleaner at cost
- She will change out the plants out front
- She talked to monarchwatch.org and there are grants for butterfly gardens
 - For two years it will look bad, but it will never need to be mowed
 - She would like it by the new fence
- The parking lot is done and she would like it striped
 - T. Nelson said it should be sealed before that is done
 - B. Seekon said it will make it one color
 - C. Cagle will call Seal Tech, Seal King and Preferred
 - T. Nelson said get 3 bids

B. Seekon said he came in Friday and got rid of cables in the office. They are all set up on one network. The cameras are night vision.



C. Cagle said Scandia Electric did a walk through with M. Fehrman. The new door will have to be wired for an exit sign. There are still issues with circuits blowing in the kitchen. They need sink height breakers in the bathrooms.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Lions LG555 (Resolution 2018-22)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-22 approving \$500 for Parks and Rec from the Stacy Lions. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Affirming Rockpoint Solar Fencing (Resolution 2018-23)

B. Seekon made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-23 affirming Rockpoint Solar fencing. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

2018-24 Resolution Approving a Nine Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Application for and Review of New Solar Energy Systems and Directing Staff to Study and Update the Townships Solar Energy Systems Ordinance

R. Keller said the resolution sounded like a good idea. L. Johnson said there is a lot solar going in. C. Cagle said this way they can go back and look and see what needs to be adjusted. B. Seekon said the Planning Commission has been through this a number of times. B. Seekon said they talked about working hours and fines.

B. Seekon read some items in the solar ordinance. C. Cagle said she understands why they need a moratorium because the language needs to be cleared up.

B. Seekon said some of it is vague. B. Seekon said if the rules can be interpreted in a different way that is not good. C. Cagle said they have four or five solar projects to learn from. L. Johnson said he would rather have a moratorium.

B. Seekon made a motion to accept resolution 2018-24 approving a Nine Month Moratorium Prohibiting the Application for and Review of New Solar Energy Systems and Directing Staff to Study and Update the Township's Solar Energy Systems Ordinance. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.



Proposed Solar Text Amendment (2018-4)

B. Seekon made a motion to table the proposed solar text amendment (2018-4). L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Spreader – Single Axle Plow Truck

B. Seekon made a motion to purchase the spreader for the single axle plow truck. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Parking Lot Lights

B. Seekon said the bulb is going out in the parking lot. He fixed the flag light so it pointed at the flag. He also fixed the motion light out front. He said there is going to be an upfront cost to swap the lights out. There are 3 heads by the flag and one by the field.

Another option would be to get an LED lamp which could be an expensive bulb. They could rent a boom and do it. C. Cagle noted that he is covered to do the work as a Supervisor. B. Seekon said he will price out the bulbs. It would be a lot of savings for him to do it. R. Keller told him to look into it.

Parking Lot Lines

Previously discussed

Kindles/Projector

C. Cagle said she would like to go paperless because so much paper and toner is used. She talked to Mayor Utecht and they use a projector. B. Seekon thought a netbook is a good idea so everyone is on the same page in addition to using the projector currently owned. Another idea he had was a smart TV. He said they might want to wait awhile.

L. Johnson asked where they would project it in the office. C. Cagle said they can wait until they use the new room. C. Cagle said the office laptop is running really slow and a new one needs to be purchased. L. Johnson said it needs an office package- \$500 to \$700

B. Seekon made a motion for K. Wood to purchase a new laptop. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Karmel Ave Complaint

B. Seekon said the Planning Commission has decided to move forward with civil fines. It is allowed in the ordinance. L. Johnson said it needs a final letter because that is what it



says in the ordinance. The Board agreed to move forward with the letter. B. Seekon said they are going to wait until the court date to see what the judge says before they fine the violation on Lent Trail.

SLFD Hail Damage

T. Nelson said the adjuster has looked at the damage. They discussed this at the last Joint Powers. They did not figure out how much ice and water. RCI is the least expensive and the same company that re-roofed the house. They did not have any issues with them. They need to eliminate the ridge vent and figure out some other things. They are going to leave the cupula because it is not worth spending the money to shingle under it. T. Nelson got 3 bids for roofs despite the lawyer stating it is a gray area and three may not be needed. They need to decide if they want to use RCI this evening.

R. Keller made a motion for RCI to do the work on the roofs. L. Johnson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

D. Stiers said something needs to be done about the post office. R. Keller said that issue does not have to do with the Township. Allina is collecting bikes October 6. He is going to talk to someone there about donating the bikes collected at cleanup day. All of their clinics are a point of drop-off. He was disappointed at how many were recycled at the last cleanup day.

S. Sinna asked if there is going to be a ribbon committee meeting. She thought there should be a fire truck or a clown at the event. C. Cagle does not want kids riding their bikes on the roads because people are bringing their junk across the street. She asked about lining up the cars like Back to the 50s. S. Sinna said they can stop the cars for a few minutes for the parade. S. Sinna would like M. Fehrman to lead the ceremonial ride in the maintenance truck. C. Cagle said there cannot be a public potluck. Everything has to be store bought and wrapped. S. Sinna said everything is going to be donated.

CLERK COMMENTS

K. Wood said the new office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and Friday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

B. Seekon: None



C. Cagle said that she and K. Wood went to the workshop on the watershed lake improvement district. She would like one of the speakers to come to talk to the Township residents.

L. Johnson talked to someone on Jewel Lane who lives on a curve and it might need a culvert. People are cutting the bank and driving on the gravel. It might need some rip-rap. He talked to another person who lives on 360th and they have dialup. She has lived here 11 months and moved from the cities, but did not call ahead of time to check into it. He said a lot of people assume Internet is everywhere. He was at the County Board meeting and they proposed an 8.5 percent increase for the levy. It has to be in the truth in taxation report. It is getting set tomorrow night. He will attend the Lindgren hearing. The new MAT Executive Director was announced at the L&R session. They have been in MN House for 15 years. A new lobbying firm is coming in.

C. Cagle said 320th and Lyons is getting beat up. She is surprised there has not been an accident.

T. Nelson: None

R. Keller: None

S. Aker noted that there needs to be a motion to pay Knife River's invoice.

R. Keller made a motion to pay the Knife River invoice. B. Seekon seconded. T. Nelson said to hold the other invoices until the roads are measured. All in favor, motion carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ❖ Parks Meeting –September 25, 2018 – 6:00 pm
- ❖ CCATO Meeting –September 26, 2018 – 7:00 pm
- ❖ Planning Commission – October 10, 2018- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Board Meeting – October 16, 2018- 7:00 pm
- ❖ Fall Cleanup Day & Ribbon Cutting – October 17, 2018 – 4:00 - 7:00 pm

ADJOURN

T. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. B. Seekon seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chair Signature

Town Clerk Signature